

ORDER NO. 08-04-06-13-382

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

Seed Orchard Restriction

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a), it is hereby ordered that the prohibition hereinafter set forth apply to the Watauga Ranger District within the Cherokee National Forest, shown on the attached map.

1. Camping. **36 CFR 261.58 (e)**
2. Hunting; except for the following regulations:
 - Small Game (shotgun only: #4 shot or smaller)
 - Raccoon (rimfire firearms and ammunition permitted between official sunset and official sunrise only)
 - Turkey (shotgun only: #4 shot or smaller)
 - Deer (archery only)**36 CFR 261.58 (v)**

Areas Affected By This Order

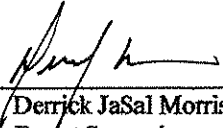
This closure is in effect for the Watauga Northern Red Oak Genetic Resource Area (Seed Orchard) and surrounding lands described as: National Forest System Road #4123 (Ponder Road) and its right-of-way to the Forest Service gate and the majority of the land contained within USA Tract U-792 (Ponder Tract), except for the parking area at the gate to National Forest System Road #4123. The area leaves National Forest System Road #4123 at the only major drain, following that drainage northwest to its intersection with Watauga Lake. The area is bounded on the northern and western sides of Watauga Lake. The boundary leaves the lakeshore at USA corner 7-792-1966 and follows the Forest Service property line to its intersection with National Forest System Road #4123. This area includes approximately 240 acres and lies on the eastern shore of Watauga Lake in the Dry Hill Community in Johnson County, Tennessee.

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Section 261.58.

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee, this 22 day of may, 2013.


Derrick JaSal Morris
Forest Supervisor
Cherokee National Forest

ORDER EXPIRES THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE.

Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.

